

The Board of Trustees of Ashland University submitted the following report, which was adopted as read: We the Board of Trustees of Ashland University, recommend that this Conference reaffirm the decision of last Conference in regard to the apportionments for the indebtedness of said University, and that this Conference ask that the congregations comply with the decision of said Conference with reference to the payment of their apportionments, and further that the Finance Committee, be instructed to send out solicitors, at once, to visit and collect from the churches that have not responded.

C. E. DEFFENBAUGH,
JOHN KEIM,
E. J. WORST,
JOSIAH KEIM,
ISAAC ROSS,
M. C. MYERS.

Adjournment.

FIFTH SESSION.—MONDAY, AUG. 31, 9 A. M.

Devotional Services conducted by J. Allen Miller.

A bill for incidental expenses, amounting to \$61.50 was allowed and an order drawn on the treasurer for the amount.

The delegates from the various districts elected the following persons members of the Executive Committee:—Indiana, G. W. Rench; Pennsylvania, M. C. Myers; Ohio, J. Allen Miller; Illiokota, Z. T. T. Livengood; Kanemorado, E. L. Yoder; Michigan, Walter Clark.

Annual address of the president of the King's Children.

The King's Children work was now taken up and the Nominating Committee made the following report, which was adopted as read:

President, J. O. Talley; Secretary, Mary A. Metzger; Treasurer, Emma K. Lichty.

Resolved:—That the King's Children and other Young Peoples Societies hold a Convention distinct and separate from the General National Convention some time during the session of the General Conference. Adopted.

Moved and carried that the present National Mission Board be re-elected for one year or until their successors are elected.

Resolved:—1. That the secretary of each State and District Board be made Auxiliary Secretary to the National Board. 2. That 12½ per cent. of all mission money received be paid to the National Board. 3. That the National Board and Local Boards co-operate for all mission work. Adopted.

The work of formulating a plan for this co-operation was referred to the following

committee, appointed by the Committee on Committees, for that purpose:—H. M. Lichty, J. D. McFaden, J. M. Tombaugh.

Resolved:—That the Committee on Committees appoint a committee to report at a later session of this Conference relative to a course of missionary reading, the secretary of the National Board to be a member of said committee. Adopted. The Committee on Committees named the following persons as members of above committee:—C. F. Yoder, J. D. McFaden, J. O. Talley.

The committee appointed to audit the books of the Brethren Book and Tract Committee reported the same to be correct. The report was adopted.

The Committee on General Church Work reported letters from elder H. R. Holsinger and from fourteen congregations.

Resolved:—That the Brethren Church direct her attention to foreign mission work. Adopted.

Moved and carried that a board be created by this Conference, who shall be the legal custodians of all funds raised or to be raised for the purpose of establishing a Children's and Old Folks' Home. The work of appointing members of said board was referred to the Committee on Committees, which made the following report which was adopted as read. We your committee nominate as the Board on Old Folks' Home and Orphanage the following: Daniel Crofford, W. C. Perry, Z. T. Livengood.

Adjournment.

SIXTH SESSION.—MONDAY, AUG. 31, 2 P. M.

Devotional Services conducted by Frank Switzer.

The Committee on Temperance made the following report which was adopted as read.

WHEREAS, The Brethren Church in Conference assembled in past years committed and re-committed itself upon the temperance question, and

WHEREAS, The platform of the church, the teaching of Christ and of the apostles is unalterably opposed to the principle underlying the traffic in intoxicating liquors and narcotic weeds; therefore be it

Resolved:—That this Conference reaffirm all former resolutions upon the subject, and at the same time express its regrets at the unfaithfulness of its members who have persisted in the use of the obnoxious and filthy weed, and in the support of the ungodly traffic in either a direct or indirect manner, and that we believe opposition to the traffic in whatever way presented, whether by abstinence, in-

fluence, preaching or voting is the Gospel taught duty of every Christian.

DANIEL CROFFORD,
R. R. TEETER,
E. E. HASKINS.

The Committee on Church Expediency appointed by the Conference of 1895, made the following report: We your committee, recommend the following:

1. That the District Conferences take the necessary steps to a better supervision of the weak churches within the district.

2. That the following question be submitted to the District Conferences. Does your District Conference favor District or National Supervision?

3. That this Conference continue the present commission. Signed by order of committee. J. D. McFaden, Pres.; J. C. Cassel, Sec.

The foregoing report was adopted as read.

On motion, it was decided that a National Secretary be elected who shall collect statistics and in every way further the Sunday-school cause. The election resulted in the choice of C. F. Yoder as Sunday-school statistician.

On motion it was decided to hold a National Conference next year.

A vote of thanks was tendered Dean Peck for his services on Sunday.

Adjournment.

SEVENTH SESSION.—SEPT. 1, 9 A. M.

Sister's Society program.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted.

WHEREAS, We have proposed to begin a mission in Chicago, be it therefore, *Resolved*:—That elder J. D. McFaden be made elder and missionary in charge.

On motion it was decided that the hour for the setting apart of elder J. D. McFaden to the missionary work in Chicago should be at the conclusion of the afternoon business session.

Adjournment.

EIGHTH SESSION.—TUESDAY, SEPT. 1, 2 P. M.

Devotional Services conducted by E. L. Yoder.

On motion the location of the next Conference was left to the discretion of the Executive Committee. On motion it was decided to have the minutes of the Conference printed in pamphlet form.

The following is the Treasurer's report:

Bal. in treasury from last year,	\$6.45
Am't received from delegates,	86.00
Total,	\$92.45

Expenses.

R. R. Teeter expense of Executive Com.,	\$ 8.00
Expense of Conference,	53.50
Total,	\$61.50
Balance in treasury,	\$30.95

The report was adopted as read.